--- "Series of 1868"- Cigars - Division Open - Red Warehousing strips - 485 x 50 mm. ---

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--- with "*Val. Per M.* ....." on the 7th line ---

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RG-31 - Open, red, perf 12½, on *vertically laid* longitudinally *watermarked* (crown / EXCISE / beaver / 1868)
with 27 mm. batonne lines and 5 mm. blue controls
RG-32 - Open, red, perf 12, on *vertically laid* diagonally *watermarked* (crown / EXCISE /1867)
with 27 mm. batonne lines, and 5 mm. blue controls - **WANTED!**
RG-33 - Open, red, perf 10, on *vertically laid* diagonally *watermarked* (crown / EXCISE /1867)
with 27 mm. batonne lines, and 5 mm. blue controls
RG-33a - Open, red, perf 10, on *unwatermarked* thick wove, with 5 mm. blue controls

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--- with "*M* ..... *lbs.*" on the 7th line - as of April 8th 1870

[Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, of May 2002]

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RG-56 - Open, red, perf 10, on *unwatermarked* wove, with 5 mm. blue control numbers

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--- with "……..... *lbs.*" on the 7th line - as of July 1st 1880

[Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 40, of December 2002]

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RG-97 - Open, red, perf 12, on *unwatermarked* wove, with 5 mm. blue control numbers
RG-98 - Open, red, perf 9, on *unwatermarked* wove, with 5 mm. blue control numbers

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1st BABN Contract (1868-1873)	John McKay records 157,946 *lithographed* copies of "Red, Cigars" as delivered. These must be Division Open, since the Division Specific was not authorized until September 1874.
2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878)	John McKay records 475,000 *lithographed* copies of "Red, Cigars" as delivered. Initially these were Division Open and Montreal Division.
3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay records 994,613 *lithographed* copies of "Red Cigars" as delivered. This total probably includes about 350,000 copies from the "Series of 1881". John McKay makes no other notation for the long red cigars strips.

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the projected control numbers on the 1868 red warehousing strips - as recorded by John McKay

1st BABN Contract -	157,946	
2nd BABN Contract -	475,000	
3rd BABN Contract -	994,613 less 350,000	
		1,277,559

the highest control numbers on the 1868 red warehousing strips - as recorded to date

Division Open	- **562954**	
Montreal Division	- **392023**	
Toronto Division	- **268601**	
Windsor Division	- **036114**	
		1,259,692

--- the control number breakdown ---

--- "*Val. Per M.* ....." on the 7th line - 1870-1872

RG-31 - perf 12½, laid, *wmkd*, (crown / *EXCISE* / beaver / *1868*)	- **000052** to **000070**
RG-32 - perf 12, laid, *wmkd*, (crown / *EXCISE* /*1867*)	- no numbered copies
RG-33 - perf 10, laid, *wmkd*, (crown / *EXCISE* /*1867*)	- **046866** to **055978**
RG-33a - perf 10, wove, *unwatermarked*	- **074757** to **151142**

--- "*M* ..... *lbs.*" on the 7th line - as of April 8th 1870

RG-56 - perf 10, *unwmkd*, wove	- **162571** to **220202**

--- "..... *lbs.*" on the 7th line - 1880-1881

RG-97 - perf 12, *unwmkd*, wove	- **426405** to **429302**
RG-98 - perf 9, *unwmkd*, wove	- **444095** to **562954**

--- RG-25 - “Series of 1868”- Division Open - 1868-69 ---

--- *lithographed* in RED ink on *vertically laid* paper - *longitudinally watermarked* (crown / *EXCISE* / beaver / *1868*) ---

--- inscribed “XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII” at the sides - 485 x 50 mm. - perforated 12½ ---

--- “*Val. per M* .....” on the 7th line - *without control numbering* ---

--- twin 34 mm. imprints “British American Bank Note Co. Montreal & Ottawa**” ---**

The catalogue list these lithographed ***control-free*** Division Open “Series of 1868” red warehousing cigar strips as follows:

RG-25 - Cigars, ***red***, perf 12½, lithographed on *vertically laid* paper, longitudinally *watermarked* with (crown / *EXCISE* / beaver / *1868*), with 27 mm. batonne lines, without control numbers

★**RG-25** - Cigars, Division Open, red, perforated 12½, without controls, *vertically laid* with 27 mm. batonne lines, longitudinally watermarked (crown / *EXCISE* / beaver / *1868*) - with twin 34 mm. imprints

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Originally each strips received *twin* 34 mm. imprints “British American Bank Note Co. Montreal & Ottawa”. Since the stamps were lithographed in a pane of five strips, this meant that there were *ten imprints* per pane of five stamps. Stamps lithographed a little later only received *one imprint* per pane of five strips. Thus there are cigar strips with *two imprints*, strips with only *one imprint*, and strips *without* an imprint. I ***do not*** think that such a difference merits a catalogue number. It should be sufficient to merely note their existence.

It is easy to maintain, but difficult to prove, that the above *control-free* strips are examples of unused strips, dating from the era prior to the use of control numbers, I feel that they may be just later date TP strips. Is the above strip a copy of **RG-25**, or is it simply a copy of **RG-31n**? Only if a strip is used *without control numbering* can one be sure.

In 1874 BABN closed their plant in Ottawa, and transferred operation to Montreal, where they remained until 1887, when under the terms of the 4th BABN Contract they returned plant operations to Ottawa. During the “Montreal” period they shortened their imprint to read “British American Bank Note Co. Montreal”. I have not seen this shortened imprint used on any of these long cigar strips.

--- RG-31 - "Series of 1868"- Division Open - 1870-73 ---

--- lithographed in RED ink on vertically *laid paper* - perforated 12½ - with 5 mm. blue controls

--- longitudinally watermarked (crown / EXCISE / beaver / 1868) - 485 x 50 mm ---

--- inscribed "XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII" at the sides - "*Val. Per M* ....." on the 7th line ---

--- twin 34 mm. imprints "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal & Ottawa**" ---**

★**RG-31** - Cigars, Division Open, red, perforated 12½, control **000070**, *vertically laid* with 27 mm. batonne lines, longitudinally watermarked (crown / EXCISE / beaver / 1868) - with twin 34 mm. imprints

000052 ○ RG-31 Division Open, perf 12½, longitudinally wmkd (crown / EXCISE / beaver / 1868), on vertically laid paper, with twin imprints

000070★ RG-31 Division Open, perf 12½, longitudinally wmkd (crown / EXCISE / beaver / 1868), on vertically laid paper, with twin imprints

With the strip lying as shown above, the *laid lines* run *vertically* up and down (across the design), while the watermark runs *longitudinally* down the length of the design. This orientation will be used in these sections.

RG-31n - Cigars, Division Open, red, perforated 12½, without controls, *vertically laid* with 27 mm. batonne lines, longitudinally watermarked (crown / EXCISE / beaver / 1868) - with twin 34 mm. imprints - **RG-25?**

--- RG-33 - "Series of 1868"- Division Open - 1870 ---

--- lithographed in RED ink on horizontally *laid paper* - inscribed "XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII" at the sides ---

--- *diagonally watermarked* (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*) - perforated 10 - 5 mm. blue controls ---

--- "*Val. Per M* ....." on the 7th line - 490 x 50 mm. ---

--- with twin 34 mm. imprints "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal & Ottawa**" ---**

★**RG-33** - Cigars, Open, red, perf 10, control **046866**, *horizontally* laid with 27 mm. batonne lines, *diagonally watermarked* (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*), dated *6/72* in September 1872, at *Montreal* by Licensee # *6* used for *100* cigars weighing *1* and *5/16*th pounds, signed by *L.G. Fauteux* - secondary Collector until 1874

046866★	09/72	RG-33	Open, red, perf 10, wmkd (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*), horizontally laid, dated *5 - 72* at *Montreal* by Licensee # *6*, for *1/10 = 1 lb. 5 oz.*
046867	09/72	RG-33	Open, red, perf 10, wmkd (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*), horizontally laid, dated *5 - 72* at *Montreal* by Licensee # *6*, for *1/10 = 1 lb. 5 oz.*
046871-75★	09/72	RG-33	Open, red, perf 10, wmkd (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*), horizontally laid, dated *5 - 72* at *Montreal* by Licensee # *6*, for *1/10 = 1 lb. 5 oz.* ***a complete sheet of five strips - all with twin imprints***
046886	09/72	RG-33	Open, red, perf 10, wmkd (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*), horizontally laid, dated *5 - 72* at *Montreal* by Licensee # *6*, for *1/10 = 1 lb. 5 oz.*
046905	09/72	RG-33	Open, red, perf 10, wmkd (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*), horizontally laid, dated *5 - 72* at *Montreal* by Licensee # *6*, for *1/10 = 1 lb. 5 oz.*
046902 ○	09/72	RG-33	Open, red, perf 10, wmkd (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*), horizontally laid, dated *5 - 72* at *Montreal*, Licensee # *6*, for *1/4 = 1 lb. 5 oz.*
046915 ○	09/72	RG-33	Open, red, perf 10, wmkd (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*), horizontally laid, dated *5 - 72* at *Montreal*, Licensee # *6*, for *1/4 = 1 lb. 5 oz.*
052200★	12/72	RG-33	Open, red, perf 10, wmkd (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*), horizontally laid, dated *11 - 72* at *Montreal*, Licensee # *3*, for *1/10 = 1¼ lb.* signed by *L. G. Fauteux*
055948 -49★	01/73	RG-33	Open, red, perf 10, wmkd (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*), horizontally laid, dated *13 - 73* at *Montreal*, Licensee # *16*, for *1/10 = 1 lb. 5 oz.* inscribed in pencil on the back "Cansetter 16th Jan 1873 from Horace Levi Lutz"
055978 ○	01/73	RG-33	Open, red, perf 10, wmkd (crown / *EXCISE* / *1867*), horizontally laid, dated *13 - 73* at *Montreal*, Licensee # *16*, for *1/10 = 1 lb. 5 oz.*

--- RG-33a - "Series of 1868"- Division Open - 1873-74 ---

--- lithographed in RED ink on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - perforated 10 - with 5 mm. blue controls ---

--- inscribed "XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII" at the sides - 490 x 50 mm ---

--- "*Val. Per M* ....." on the 7th line - *without* the twin imprints ---

★**RG-33a** - Cigars, Open, red, perf 10, control **074757**, on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove, *without* imprints, dated *20 - 73* in April 1873 at *Montreal* by Licensee # *3* for *100* cigars weighing *1* pound, signed by *L.G. Fauteux*

074757★	04/73	RG-33a	Open, red, perf 10, unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove, dated *20 - 73* at *Montreal*, Licensee # *3*, *100* cigars = *1* lb.
074798 ★	04/73	RG-33a	Open, red, perf 10, unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove, dated *20 - 73* at *Montreal*, Licensee # *3*, *100* cigars = *1* lb.
151142 ○	11/74	RG-33a	Open, red, perf 10, unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove, dated *10 - 74* at *Montreal*, Licensee # *6*

RG-33an - Cigars, Open, red, perf 10 (clipped), *without* control numbering, on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove, without imprints - a fully perforated copy is **WANTED!**

--- RG-56 - "Series of 1868"- Division Open - 1870-1879 ---

--- lithographed in RED ink on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - perf 10 - with 5 mm. blue controls ---

--- inscribed "XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII" at the sides - *without* imprints - 485 x 50 mm. ---

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RG-56 CP - Cigars, Open, red, perf 10, control **187001**,
lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove, stamped ***Cancelled*** in violet script

162571		RG-56	Open, red, perf 10, on horizontal mesh unwatermarked wove
187001★		RG-56 CP	Open, red, perf 10, on horizontal mesh unwatermarked wove stamped ***Cancelled*** in script
220202	10/78	RG-56	Open, red, perf 10, on horizontal mesh unwatermarked wove, dated *7.78* at *Paris, O.*

RG-56n - Cigars, Open, red, perf 10, without control numbering, on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove

--- RG-97 - “Series of 1868”- Division Open - 1880 ---

--- lithographed in RED ink on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - perforated 12 - with 5 mm. blue controls ---

--- *without* “XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII” at the sides - 490 x 50 mm ---

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RG-97 - Cigars, Open, red, perf 12, control number **426405**, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, dated *17 - 80* in March 1880 at **Paris O.**, by Licensee # *7*, manuscript *M 1/10 = 1* pound of cigars

426405★	03/80	RG-97	Open, red, perf 12, horizontal mesh unwmkd wove, dated *17 - 80*, at **Paris, O.** by Licensee # *7*, manuscript *M 1/10 = 1* pound of cigars
428742 ○	08/80	RG-97	Open, red, perf 12, horizontal mesh unwmkd wove, dated *4 - 81*, at **Paris, O.** Licensee # *2*, manuscript *M 1/10 = 0.94* pound of cigars
429302 ○	07/81	RG-97	Open, red, perf 12, horizontal mesh unwmkd wove, dated *1 - 81*

--- RG-98 - “Series of 1868”- Division Open - 1881-83 --

--- lithographed in RED ink on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - perforated 9 - with 5 mm. blue controls ---

--- *without* “XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII” at the sides - 490 x 50 mm ---

--- “..... *lbs.*” on the 7th line ---

RG-98 - Cigars, Open, red, perf 9, control number **450582**, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, dated *18.81* in March 1881 at **London** by Licensee # *1*, for *0.46* pounds of cigars

444095 ○	02/81	RG-98	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwmkd wove, dated *15 - 81* at *London* by Licensee # *1*, for *0.98* pounds of cigars
479692 ○	02/82	RG-98	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwmkd wove, dated *15 - 82* at *Guelph* by Licensee # *7*, for *0.56* pounds of cigars - by *D. McLean*
450582★	04/81	RG-98	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwmkd wove, dated *18 - 81* at **London** by Licensee # *1*, for *0.46* pounds of cigars
475188 ★	10/81	RG-98	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwmkd wove, dated *7 - 81* at *Pt. Col.*, by Licensee # *2*, for *1½* pounds of cigars
551002		RG-98	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwatermarked wove
561002★		RG-98 CP	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwatermarked wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - suspect
562933 ★		RG-98	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwatermarked wove
562934		RG-98	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwatermarked wove
562935		RG-98	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwatermarked wove
562938		RG-98	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwatermarked wove
562943 ○		RG-98	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwatermarked wove
562954 ○		RG-98	Open, red, perf 9, on horizontal mesh unwatermarked wove

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